Greetings:

Welcome back to term 4!
What a fantastic day our 50 year celebration turned out to be. It’s impossible to name all of the people who completed so many tasks to make the day so special, but please know that your contribution was hugely appreciated!

SUNSMART
Its now time for students to be wearing hats in the playground. Please ensure your child has a well named hat, and sunscreen is applied each morning.

2016 STAFFING
I am very pleased to announce that Kathryn Roberts has been appointed as our Middle and Upper Primary teacher, for 2016. With this news, we can now be confident that our teaching staff is remaining stable, and begin planning for next year. To tie in with our planning, it is essential that we gauge our student enrolments as accurately as possible, as our staffing allocation and class configurations are reliant on this figure. It would be very helpful if you could let us know of any change in your intentions regarding enrolment in 2016, so that we can make informed decisions. Please let either Sue Jacob or myself know as soon as possible.

OPINION SURVEYS
It’s that time of year again! To be continually developing and improving, we need to know how you think we’re going as a school. Your thoughts and opinions are extremely important to us, so please take the time to complete the survey, and answer as honestly and accurately as possible. We value your feedback! The survey is available at the following link, or you can pick up a hard copy from the office. https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/GMJ8Sjvc
survey access code: 6uK4aJua
the survey closes on Monday 2nd November.
We’re looking forward to a great term, and please remember that our door is always open!

A point to ponder:

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela
50 Year Celebration
GALLERY

Maureen Steinborner: Congratulations, a wonderful day. The organising committees, the students and staff, be proud

Wonderful job done by all, great day fab time. Sonia Broadbent

What a fantastic day and those little dancers were awesome! Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen. Jill Harris (Reid)

Thank you and your helpers for a very enjoyable day on Saturday. It was good to see old friends and meet new ones. Colin Griffen

Well-spoken today Adam Morgan, great job. Peter Bullen

Thanks to everyone involved in the 50th Celebration. My wife and I had a lovely day and it was great to catch up with people I hadn't seen for a long time. Well done to all those involved in the preparation, to Adam Morgan who compared the day and to the students who gave their all. Well done. Gary Hennessy
To all the people who organised the amazing 50 year celebrations, you should feel very proud of yourselves. To see the smiles on those kids faces as they performed in front of the largest crowd, was just wonderful. The catering was so well done at the school and club. Well done. Sandy Small

Well done Adam Morgan so good to see that mallee spirit alive and well. Congratulations to all at GPS for GAS. Neville Beelitz

Congratulations on a most enjoyable and memorable day! The hard working school and community are to be commended on a job well done! Thank you. 14 of the 1965 year 8 class were pleased to get re-acquainted and face the camera. Carol Haskell (Beelitz)

A fantastic day, thank you to the amazing school community for your hard work, the catering was superb, the grounds impeccable. Wow, the students are true performers and were so entertaining. You can all be super proud of your school. Thank you for providing us the opportunity to return and reminisce. Glenys Maczkowiack (Ahrns)
Wow! What a fantastic day!! It was great to see so many faces and to reminisce about years gone by! To the committee and whoever else was involved in organising today, be very proud! U did an excellent job.
WELL DONE!! Kylie Willcox (Mitchell)

Thank you for a very special day spent at your school. I was one of the former staff members who have happy memories of my time at Geranium. 40 years on and I still work in education and my experiences inform my comments when I state that I could sense the great atmosphere of the school. What a great example of Public education in country SA. I really enjoyed the day. Thank you for all that you did.
Merridy Jamieson-Rokubaro
It’s great to be back at school with your awesome children!

Today I had the pleasure of joining in with the Middle-Upper-Primary class for an hour when Harry from NRM came along and worked with the class. We all learned about different soil types (that came from your homes) and had real hands-on fun with the dirt, discovering that there are lots of variations in the soil.

We also learned (through a simulation activity involving bottles with pink coloured water) about the “food mile/kilometre” and why it is far better to access our vegetables locally rather than imported ones.

Bucket loads of fun and great learning too!

Some exciting news! Speaking of bucket loads.. I have been given a bucket load of hours from the Federal Government for Term 4 only. This Term I can work up to 20 hours a week at Geranium! I don’t have to work that many hours but the funds are there if needed. I will be in conversation with Ruth about how to best use this extra time to benefit the children, staff and families at Geranium Primary School. 😊

I would like to say a HUGE thank you the PCW Support Group for all the hard work that went into the “Café” at the 50 Year Celebration. They were amazing and the cakes and biscuits were great too!

Something to think about..

“Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It’s the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts.” James 3: 13-14 The Message (bible)

I keep all families and staff of Geranium Primary School in my prayers,

Margaret Smith (Pastoral Care Worker)

PCW NOTICE
Next Tuesday we will be doing YOGA
It starts at 1.15
Wear comfortable clothes
(change at school)
It’s in the Yoga room by the gym
(secondary block)